

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Present Application:

Applicant : Emad. S. Alnemri
Title : TRAIL RECEPTORS, NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME,
AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF (AS AMENDED)
Docket No. : 480140.432D1
Date : February 4, 2002

Prior Application:

Examiner : Prema Mertz, Ph.D.
Art Unit : 1646
Application No. : 09/134,618

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, please amend the title of the application to read:

--TRAIL RECEPTORS, NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME, AND
METHODS OF USE THEREOF--

On page 1, line 4, please replace the section entitled "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION" with the following:

--This application is a divisional based off of U.S. Application No. 09/134,618, filed August 14, 1998; which application claims priority from United States Provisional Application No. 60/055,906, filed August 15, 1997, now abandoned; which applications are herewith incorporated herein in their entirety.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 15-19, 21-23 and 25-30.

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 20 and 24 are pending in the instant application. The pending claims correspond to Group I of the Restriction Requirement in U.S. Application No. 09/134,618; which claims are drawn to nucleic acids, vectors, host cells and compositions. Claims 15-19, 21-23 and 25-30 have been cancelled without prejudice to the filing of additional continuation, continuation-in-part or divisional applications.

The title to the instant application has been amended to remove the word "Novel".

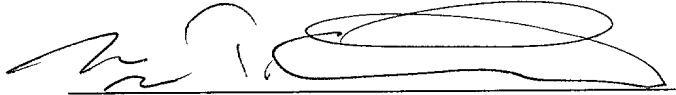
The cross reference section to the application has been updated. Although this section of the application is no longer required, Applicant has included this section in order to more clearly indicate which applications may be incorporated by reference.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version With Markings to Show Changes Made.**"

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable.
Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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